



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-02000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Joseph C. CAUTHEN)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: 10/075,615)	Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
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Filed: February 15, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 2841
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For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS)	
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, the period for response having been extended to February 24, 2006, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.